What is the mental state of the Commonwealth, in general, and of northeastern Pennsylvania, in particular? Are we, as a social order, optimistic? complacent? self-righteous? altruistic? pioneering? tolerant? honest? What are the principles in which we presently believe? What are the principles in which we no longer believe? What is the state of health of our social institutions? our religious institutions? our economic institutions? our political institutions?

What do we know of ourselves? What would our ancestors think of us? What will our grandchildren think of us? What do we know of our world? What would our ancestors think of our world? What will our grandchildren think of our world? What have we learned about ourselves and our world in the past 302 years? What have we forgotten about ourselves and our world in the past 302 years?

Those are the questions that we as citizens of northeastern Pennsylvania must ask ourselves on this the occasion of the 302nd anniversary of the establishment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Those are the questions that we as citizens of northeastern Pennsylvania must continually ask ourselves?

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